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By Hospitalman Teresa Alexandria Perkins, Naval Hospital Bremerton

I’m a radiologic technologist and proud to be Naval Hospital Bremerton’s 2014 Blue Jacket of the Year. It’s an honor to represent my leadership and the hospital.

I'm from Brentwood, Calif., graduating from Heritage High School in 2008. I joined the Navy two years later to explore new opportunities and serve my country.

I was born in Leamington, Ontario, Canada, and emigrated from Canada to the U.S. in 2001 with my mother and siblings Christy and Matthew. During the time my mother was married to my step-father, Kurt, gaining three more siblings in the process, Kurt Jr., Melissa, and Madeline.



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Prior to joining the Navy I was interested in the medical field, specifically in medical imaging. After graduating corps school I had the good fortune to continue my education at Naval Medical Training Center, Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio for Radiography "C" School.

So far my Navy Medicine journey has taken me to Great Lakes, Illinois – Boot Camp, San Antonio – "A" School and "C" School Phase I, San Diego – "C" School Phase II, and currently my first permanent duty station in Bremerton, Washington.

Besides my regular duties as a radiologic technologist I serve as departmental MWR petty officer, assist with supplies, am involved in emergency preparedness, am a DECON team member, and serve as the sole active duty member using the mammography reporting system.

The best part about my career is that I've been trained in radiology modalities, such as mammography and computed tomography. Navy Medicine has provided me with thorough training, specifically in medical imaging. As a technical expert, my efforts resulted in almost 1,200 diagnostic radiographs, more than 270 cross-sectional imaging studies, and 25 mammographic studies.



I'm devoted to my patients and the hospital.

I'm driven. I've completed 30 correspondence courses along with classroom studies to attain my American Registry of Radiological Technologists National Certificate. According to my superiors, it's an important career milestone that radiology technologists several years senior to me haven't accomplished.

I'm also responsible for scheduling and monitoring equipment maintenance and have provided numerous training sessions for radiology college students preparing to become fully qualified and skilled radiology technologists.

I'm on track to become the only enlisted nationally certified diagnostic imaging and mammography technologist and women's breast health assistant coordinator in the Pacific Northwest and at NHB.

I'm determined and devoted to my patients and the hospital. It gives me great pride to be part of the mammography division that passed the Food and Drug Administration and American College of Radiology Mammography Program inspections with flying colors; ensuring Naval Hospital Bremerton will continue to provide breast cancer screening services to our beneficiaries, as well as maintain the command's green status for breast cancer screening.

I'm Hospitalman Teresa Alexandria Perkins. I am Navy Medicine.

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